(b) ആ കാര്യങ്ങൾ എങ്ങിനെയിരിക്കുന്നു;

(c) അതു സംബന്ധിച്ചു് ശവമ്മെണ്ടും മലബാർ കലക്ടരും തമ്മിൽ നടത്തീട്ടുള്ള എഴുത്തുകുത്തുകൾ മേശപ്പുറത്തു വെയ്ക്കുമൊ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷ മേനോൻ.—(a) തീരുമാനിക്കുവാൻ സാധിച്ചിട്ടില്ല.

(b) കൊട്ടങ്ങല്ലൂരും ചേറൂവായും തമ്മിൽ കൂട്ടിപ്പിടിപ്പിക്കുന്ന റോഡിന്റെ യാതൊരു ഭാഗവും കല്ലിട്ടതല്ലിയിട്ടില്ലാത്തതിനാലും മറ്റും പാലത്തിനു പണം ചിലവുചെയ്യുവാൻ ഒരുക്കമില്ലെന്നു ഡിസ്ട്രിക്ട ബോർഡ് പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നു.

(c) എഴുത്തുകുത്തുകൾ മേശപ്പുറത്തുവെക്കുവാൻ പാടുള്ളവയല്ല.

Hydro-Electric Scheme.

100. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the names of the officers who prepared the Hydro-Electric Scheme at Poringalkuttu during the Diwanship of Mr. J. W. Bhore, I. C. S.;

(b) was any authority outside the State consulted about the scheme; if so, who are they and what are their qualifications in Electric Engineering;

(c) who is in charge of the present investigation of the scheme and what are his qualifications;

(d) how much money is proposed to be spent on his responsibility and what is the result of his investigation?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) (1) The British Westinghouse Electric Manufacturing Co., Ltd., in September 1917.

(2) Mr. S. G. Forbes, the Chief Electrical Engineer to the Government of Mysore in December 1918.

(b) Besides the two above authorities, Mr. Gibbs of the Tata Hydro-Electric Supply Co., Ltd., Bombay, was consulted regarding the scheme submitted by the British Westinghouse Co. Their names will themselves suggest their qualifications in Electrical Engineering.

(c) The Chief Engineer is in charge of the present investigation and a Special Officer, one Mr. K. B. Menon, is assisting the Chief Engineer. Mr. K. B. Menon is a Bachelor of Engineering of the Madras University in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering, and he has practical experience of Hydro-Electric systems in the Cauveri Power Scheme, Mysore.

(d) Nothing is proposed to be spent on Mr. K. B. Menon's responsibility.

The special officer is collecting details for the preparation of estimates.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know what was Mr. K. B. Menon doing in the Cauveri Power Scheme, Mysore?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—He was having his apprentice course there.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—How long?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—For one year.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—What appointment was he holding before he was appointed to this special post?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—He was the Superintendent of the Chowara Water Works.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—How long?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—For one and a half years.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Was the appointment of Mr. K. B. Menon notified in the Gazette at the time it was made?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Which appointment, Superintendent of Water Works or Special Officer?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Special Officer.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It was not notified.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Why was it not notified?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It was a temporary appointment. There was no necessity.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—What was the date of his appointment as Special Officer?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—In the month of Meenam 1105.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Has he examined the schemes prepared by the Engineers whose names are given in answer to part (a)?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—He is taking detailed surveys on the lines suggested by the original report.

101. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) what definite plans they have at present for harnessing the water power available in the State for the generation of electrical power;

(2) what investigations have been made into the scheme on hand and by whom;

(3) what estimates have been prepared;

(4) will the Government be pleasd to place any report they have on the table of this House for public information?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) A scheme for the development of the water power resource of the Chalakkudi river at Poringalkuttu is being prepared.

(2) In 1917 and 1918 investigations were made by the British Westinghouse Co., and Mr. Forbes, the Chief Electrica

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